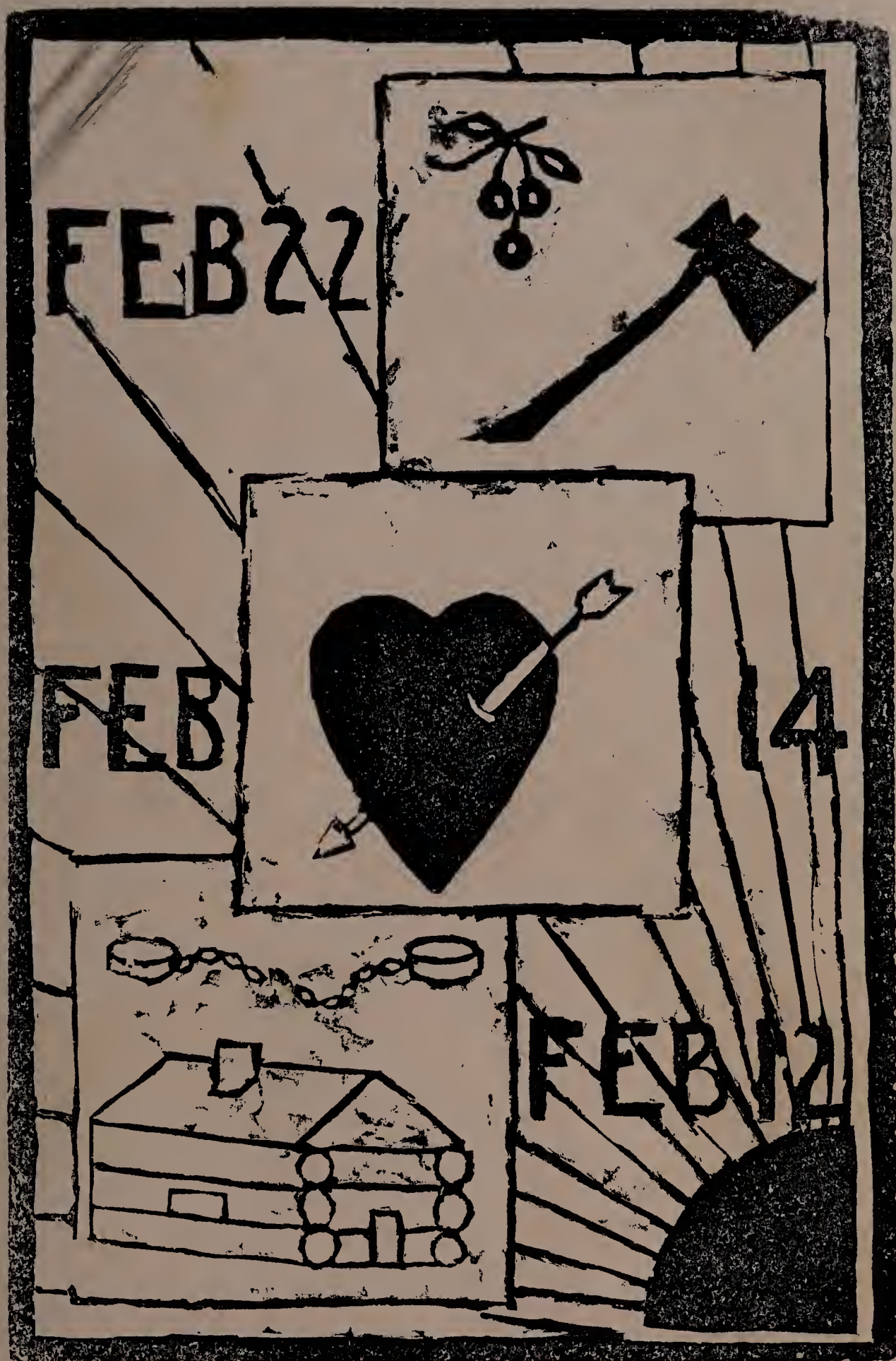


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EDITORIAL



More Public Speaking is greatly needed by the pupils in Johnson High School. It exists to a certain degree now in oral themes, in plays, and in the reading of prize essays.

In a great many schools each student is compelled to give a short talk, lasting about three or four minutes, to the entire student-body, twice a year. In some schools they have debating teams. These teams must appear before the school and present their views for or against the issue which they are debating. In still others there are Dramatic Societies. These Societies present several plays to the school during the year.

The benefits of Public Speaking are many. Not only is it instructive to the pupils, but it teaches them self-reliance, and confidence in themselves. It teaches them to think clearly at

all times, and to express these thoughts in the simplest and clearest words possible. It also teaches correct pronunciation and enunciation.

We would like to have the pupils of Johnson High School realize the great benefits that would come to them through a course in Public Speaking and Debating. It would help them greatly after they had left school and were in the business world.

These are the views of an offender, who is offended by other offenders.



LITERARY



ABRAHAM LINCOLN

The greatest men are those whose fame is not wholly accounted for by their deeds. What Abraham Lincoln was is incomparably greater than anything he ever did. Pre-eminent as is his place in history, he conveys the idea of duty rather than glory. In human service and moral courage he measures up to the immortals of all ages.

When he was born, February 12, 1809, in Harden County, Kentucky, the pioneer age was just emerging from the Indian age. His father, Thomas Lincoln, and his mother, Nancy Hanks, were both good pioneer folks from Virginia. The family lived in a little cabin with one door and window, and a sand floor. Abraham's schooling at this time was very poor, as the school was five miles away, and the teachers were not very well trained.

In 1816 the family moved to Indiana. Here Abraham used to sit by the fireplace, writing on a shovel with a piece of charcoal. His mother helped him very much, and Lincoln later said he owed her everything. Two years later she died. Lincoln helped his father build the rude casket. Later he wrote his first letter to an itinerant parson, asking him to say prayers at her grave.

In 1828 Lincoln guided a cargo down the Mississippi to New Orleans. When he was twenty-one years old, the family, with their new mother, moved to New Salem, Illinois. Abraham helped his father around the farm, building the house and adjoining buildings. Here it was he chopped walnut rails, which led to his being called "The Railsplitter", and helped him to the presidency. In 1831 he made his second visit to New Orleans.

When he saw the cruelties to the negroes he said, "If I ever get a chance to hit slavery, I'll hit hard." Lincoln was the only one who had the moral courage to voice this opinion of thousands.

In this same year Lincoln was clerk, surveyor, grocer, and postmaster of New Salem. He started to study law, which became his life's work. In 1834 he was elected to the state legislature and returned for three successive years.

In 1837 he passed his examination for the bar. It may seem surprising that an honest and upright fellow like Lincoln should choose a career in which he would have to deal with unscrupulous men, but Lincoln never undertook a case until he was absolutely sure of his client's innocence. Then he proceeded to prove this innocence by simple eloquence and truth.

In 1841 Lincoln became a rival of Stephen Douglas for the affections of Mary Todd, the daughter of a United States Senator, and in 1842 he married her. There has been some doubt as to whether she was a help or a hindrance to him in later life. It is generally believed, however, that she kept him to things that he was willing to let slide by. In 1850 he came home with the news that he had been offered the territorial governorship of Oregon. He was all excited and anxious to go, but the nation should be thankful to Mrs. Lincoln who persuaded him not to accept. She said, "They're trying to hide you on the Pacific Coast, Abe, because they are afraid of you on the Atlantic." In 1846 Lincoln had been elected to Congress, and at every opportunity he spoke against slavery.

In 1854 he challenged Stephen A. Douglas to a series of debates over the passing of the Kansas-Nebraska Bill. He broke down every stand Douglas took, and he even forced from him admissions which lost for Douglas the vote of the South.

In 1858 Lincoln uttered the statement, "A house divided against itself cannot stand," which, although it turned many against him, set the whole nation to thinking.

At the Republican Convention of 1860 Lincoln was nominated for president, with Douglas and Breckenridge as his opponents. When he was inaugurated president, March 4, 1861, seven states had already seceded and set up the Southern Confederacy. Lincoln had no desire whatsoever for war. He tried his best to keep the Union together; but when Fort Sumter was fired upon April 14, 1861, he immediately issued a call for troops. His task was anything but easy. All during the war he showed his generosity, sagacity, and kindness. Even when the war was over he was willing to receive the southern states back into the Union. In 1863 he issued his Proclamation of Emancipation which freed over four million negroes. In November of that same year, he delivered his immortal Gettys-

burg Address. Love, devotion, and loyalty played a prominent part in his re-election in 1864. When Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomatox the rejoicing of the nation was at its height. But it was short-lived, for Lincoln was shot by an insane actor, J. Wilkes Booth, in Ford's Theatre on April 14, 1865. He was carried to a house across the street, where, after a valiant struggle, he died the next morning.

Lincoln's untimely death came as a rude shock to the whole world. The Nation hopes never again to see such a pageant of sorrow as marked his funeral. His death was merely the passing of his earthly body, for his fame will live on forever and increase with passing years. Untold millions of negroes all over the world hold him their idol, just as do white folks. It remains for us to breed men to uphold the ideals for which Abraham Lincoln lived and died.

MY ADVENTURE WHILE TRAVELING

During the summer vacation I went to Canada with my aunt. One night, while we were in a small Canadian town, we decided that we would like to see a Canadian "movie". We did not know just what to expect but we thought that we would see something different. The posters on the outside of the picture-house did not seem very enticing but we decided to go in for a little while anyway. The inside of the building was very much like that of any American moving picture-house and disappointed us, for we expected that it would be foreign. The screen itself was divided into two parts by a line down the center. On the left-hand side was the French and on the right the English translation. The picture was not very interesting, but I amused myself by trying to translate the French without looking at the English. I thought I ought to be able to do it easily since I had had a whole year of French at school. But I found that my eyes would wander to the other side of the screen just to be sure about certain lines. However, my aunt was not as interested in trying her French as I was, so after a little while she suggested that we leave. I got up and as I saw a door marked "Exit" I led the way out. I suppose my aunt thought that I knew where I was going, at any rate, she followed me and we found ourselves out on a roof. It was dark and we could not tell just where we were but I suppose it was the roof of the theater. An usher came hurrying after us, he probably thought we needed help, and spoke to us in French. Again my French failed me and I had to ask him, in English, if he would please show us the way out. He was very polite to us, although I think he was questioning our sanity in his mind, and we soon found ourselves on the street again. We breathed a sigh of relief and hurried back to our hotel, knowing that we would never be curious about French "movies" again. M. G. B. '29

MY MISCHIEVOUS PET

"John, take this animal out of here!" rang my mother's voice. She referred to my little silver fox, which was continually getting into trouble. I hastened to the kitchen to find him with the can of molasses clasped to his breast. He yapped at me when I endeavored to relieve him of it and clung to it with more fervor than ever. Not to be outdone by this little pet, I secured a small piece of maple sugar. Enticing him with it, I saw that he was bound to have his molasses. So I finally gave up in disgrace.

But not my mother. She, being rather angry, laid hands on the can, and pulled. The young troublemaker left the floor and flew through the air to land on the table, where he immediately devoured the maple sugar which I had left there. My mother looked at me, and said, "The next time I'll tend to him first and call you afterward." I, laughing heartily, tucked the silver-coated agent of mischief under my arm, and went up to my bedrom, where I deposited him in a small plush-lined box. After seeing that he was comfortable I went to bed to dream of silver-colored devils with foxes' faces.

J. R. '31

EARNING MONEY

On Thursday, February 1, a man representing the Curtis Publishing Company came to the school with a plan to interest the pupils to earn money for the school as well as to earn gifts for themselves. Miss Sargent thought this plan an excellent one for earning money for a moving-picture machine which she has wanted the school to have for a long time.

Mr. Hodgkins, the representative of this company, spoke to the school and told the pupils how to go about making sales for the three magazines, namely "The Ladies Home Journal", "The Saturday Evening Post", and "The Country Gentleman". Each pupil was urged to get at least one subscription of any of these magazines. The school received fifty percent of the money from the "Country Gentleman" and "The Ladies Home Journal" and twenty-five percent of the money from "The Saturday Evening Post". A bonus of ten cents on each magazine was given if ninety of the pupils got one subscription or more. The school was divided into two teams, Harvard and Yale. This was done so that the school would race to see who would get the more subscriptions.

Each pupil had a chance to receive gifts dependent on the number of subscriptions that they sold.

On February 14 a party was given to the whole school after the plan closed.

AN EXPERIENCE IN THE CITY

It was a cold damp day. The drizzling rain froze one to the very marrow. This was very evident by the warm cloaks that were wrapped about the shivering pedestrians. The hundreds of moving people were kept warm by their active exercise, but the many newspaper boys were cold. The papers were sold slowly that day, perhaps on account of the cold and rain.

On one of the busiest street corners stood a small newspaper boy. His touseled black curls came popping out of the holes in his small felt hat. The chubby face beneath was pinched and told the story of a starved life. His ragged coat and trousers were of a dark blue and showed the threadbare spots. His small feet, encased in shoes far too roomy for his toes, let in the cold air. He seemed to be in a dream and, when he was spoken to by a purchaser, he acted as an aroused sleeper, groping for words. However, he was aroused from his day-dream by being suddenly splattered with mud which gave him and his precious newspapers a coating of cold mud. He looked up in surprise to find his aggressor but only saw a vanishing lad, running for his life. He saw the boy stop, look around, and run into a florist shop where he was employed as an errand boy. It was only then that our little friend on the street corner had observed that shop. How pretty the beautiful, delicate flowers appeared! It was warm summer there, but cold, dreary winter on the street corner. He looked wistfully at the attractive arrangement of the flowers. The haughty rose was in the foreground with the subdued violet and carnations in the background. If he could only have one whiff of its fragrance, he would patiently withstand the cold on his street corner. Then suddenly, as if a flood of sunshine had shed her rays upon him, an idea occurred to him. He would, yes he would do anything to earn enough money if only he could have his wish. "I will do the best I can and try and try," thought the small boy, and a flush of joy spread over his sweet face.

Three years later, opposite a paper boy on a busy street corner stood a florist shop. Its array of flowers was beautiful. Many passersby would admire the flowers and still more enter the shop. Yes, it was the small lad who had stood for so many weary hours on the opposite street corner. It had always been his idea to own the shop of a young man who had one day ruined his newspapers. This shop had been one of flowers and so it was then, but under another name. Thus, the hopes of a poor newspaper boy were realized by his determination and strong will of owning a shop which had been that of an aggressor. Even today that shop is still existing in all the leading cities.

M. R. A. '28

THE STRANGE ADVENTURES OF CAPTAIN BRIGHT

Oh, Captain Bright was a man of might,
A first class, A—1 sailor;
He passed the night on the good ship Sprite,
An old New Bedford whaler.

The Sprite was bound for the whaling ground
In grim King Neptune's Realm,
With a rushing sound, like a great white hound,
And the Captain at her helm.

He rode the gale; when he saw a whale
A harpoon launched he true,
He lowered the sail and climbed the rail,
As all good sailors do.

The whale boat dashed; the rope he lashed
Around a wooden cleat.
The whale's fin splashed, the boat it dashed
The Captain from his seat.

By suction drawn, from huge whale yawn,
Down in the creature's belly.
With one good scratch, he lit a match
Upon his old straw Kelly.

His wonder past, the Captain cast,
A look 'round his prison dun.
On further wall in letters tall,
Saw, "Jonah, B. C. 61".

The Captain stared and then he glared.
He sat and pondered long.
Upon some tripe he lit his pipe,
And dropped tobacco strong.

When first you smoke it is no joke;
It makes you ill indeed;
And very quick the whale grew sick,
When first it felt the weed.

Its body quivered, its belly shivered,
It quickly sought the light;
As was his lot, the Captain shot
Out on the good ship Sprite.

And as they say, the Captain lay
Without a scratch of limb;
Though the very whale in Jonah's tale
Had also swallowed him.

A. D. F. '31

HEALTH

Health is the pivot of life. Everything, whether it be happiness, joy, love, or the other virtues, rotates on the wheel of health. When your health goes back on you, you either die or live a dull, monotonous life.

Our life begins to depend on health more than ever when we are of school age. If we are healthy our forces function perfectly, and our minds work excellently and smoothly. This continues to be so until we enter high school. Here we need it if we ever will need it. We must stave off temptations, and tackle piles and piles of homework, which the teachers mercilessly give. And, unless we have a clear, reasoning mind the temptations beat us to it. Also in high school we may want to join the athletic teams, and unless health dominates within us, we cannot do so. After high school we either go to work or go to college, and if health is not ours to enjoy, we cannot do either. Then when we are ready to enter the world, to work for, and enjoy its wonders, it is not possible to do so, if all we can do is wheel about in an invalid chair and think about our troubles.

SCHOOL NEWS *and* NOTES

The Lincoln Medal, a bronze medal given by the Illinois Watch Company to perpetuate the name of Abraham Lincoln, was won by Miss Margaret Donlan. The essay is printed in this issue and will be of interest to all.

JOHNSON HIGH HONOR ROLL

Principal Sargent Makes Announcement Friday Morning

At assembly Friday morning, February 3, the principal announced that the following had won honors for twenty weeks:

In one subject—George D. Moody, Maurice E. Melamed, Genevieve A. Lane, Norman K. Greenwood, Helen E. Bode, Ruth N. Whitney, Elsa M. Heider, Marian E. Glennie, C. Winifred Fitzgerald, Gladys M. Enaire, Roger J. Dehullu, Veronica Boyle, Leona C. Thomson, Charles A. Stillwell, Dorothy M. Bolton, Mary F. Sheridan, Sarah G. Silverstein, Erika Leonard, Gladys M. Dill, Charlotte I. Cyr, John W. Connor, Mary M. Connelly, Francis J. Boyle, Ruth E. Abbott, Tillie E. Subochus, Ralph J. Stork, William H. Stead, Robert S. Rockwell, John Maselunas, Raymond A. LaCourse, Alice J. Hibbits, Elinor G. Greenwood, Joseph F. Dziadosz, Viola A. Dufton, Fred G. Bastian.

In two subjects—Edward R. Squier, Eleanor M. Krusch-

witz, Henry Halozubic, Ruth E. Goff, William T. Fogarty, Malcolm L. Buchan, Alice A. Venner, Julia E. Juarceys, Kathleen McMurray, Robena D. C. Eagle, Marion G. Buchan, Frances Watnick, Martha M. Thompson, Annie M. Rogers, Frances C. Rea, Phyllis E. Pitman, Althea M. Perley, Catherine Phelan, Austin D. Fletcher, Edward E. Curley, Jr.

In three subjects—Ethelyn M. Patterson, Robert T. Graham, Edmund J. Fogarty, Kathleen Mullen, Louise E. Espig, Florence Phelan.

In four subjects—Frances Hawkes, Margaret M. Donlan, Selina McClung, F. Clifford Gillespie, Teresa H. Michlun, Albert J. Juarceys.

In five subjects—Marion C. McGregor, William J. Greenler, Jr.

TYPEWRITING AWARDS

The awards in typewriting from September to January inclusive, are as follows:

FIRST AWARDS

ROYAL

Edwin McCabe	35-5
Harry Wilcox	31-4
Michael Marchese	30-5
Alice Venner	32-5
Kathleen McMurray	33-5
Elizabeth Costello	30-5

UNDERWOOD

Gladys Gill	32-6
Michael Marchese	32-4
Kathleen McMurray	33-8

REMINGTON

Margaret Costello	25-9
Annie Long	38-10
Kathleen McMurray	34-7
Irene Dow	39-10
Lois Taylor	28-6
Mildred Champion	27-8
Julia Juarceys	28-6
Michael Marchese	34-3
Constance Etchells	49-10

SECOND AWARDS

ROYAL

Annie Long	47-5
Mary Lang	41-4
Edwin McCabe	43-3

UNDERWOOD

Mary Lang	45-3
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REMINGTON

Annie Long	44-6
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FACULTY NEWS

Everyone regrets that Miss Edith Tonon, who has been our teacher of Typewriting and Stenography, is leaving us. She has been with us for five years. Miss Tonon was very popular, both because of her pleasant personality and because of her ability as a teacher. She is a graduate of Simmons College. Her home is in Stafford Springs, Connecticut.

Miss Tonon is engaged to Mr. Henry Atwood of Waltham, Mass., and intends to be married sometime next spring. Although we are assured of her future happiness, we desire to wish her all the good luck that we can find.

Johnson welcomes Miss Catherine J. Lang as a new member of the faculty taking Miss Tonon's place. Miss Lang is a recent graduate of Boston University, College of Practical Arts and Letters.

SENIOR DINNER PARTY

A very pleasant dinner party was given in the drawing room January 15, at 2.15, by the Senior class in Domestic Science. The table was attractively set with a rosebud pattern dinner service. The centerpiece was a delicate bouquet of deep pink tea roses. A dainty pink ribbon led to each place card from a rose stem, with which each guest was presented by the hostess, Miss Smith. The members of the faculty present were Miss Sargent, guest of honor, Miss Mildred Green, Miss Tonon, and Miss Cook. The palatable bill of fare consisted of:

Tomato Soup	Crackers
Salmon Timbales	Egg Sauce
Potato Roses	Peas
Cloverleaf Rolls	Butter Balls
Stuffed Celery	
Pear Salad	Small Biscuits
Sand Tarts	Coffee

Miss M. Augur and Miss H. Wilde were waitresses.

SOPHOMORE LUNCHEON

On Thursday afternoon, January 19, the Sophomore cooking class gave an informal luncheon. The guests included members of the faculty, and Mr. and Mrs. Pitkin. Salad, Hot Rolls, Cake, and Tea were served. Elizabeth Cassidy was the hostess, Louise Espig was the guest, and the Misses Scanlon and Thompson were waitresses.



ATHLETICS



SUPPORT

Johnson has two fine teams representing her on the basketball court, teams that are worthy of the support of the entire student body. Needless to say, we are not getting this support.

A game is won after a hard struggle by one of our teams, Miss Sargent announces the scores in the assembly hall and then our noble supporters designate their pleasure by applause. I am sure the teams would appreciate support more during the game than after it's been played.

You owe your teams who represent you, who do their best to keep your athletic records up to standard, your whole-hearted support. Wake up and let there be some record attendance at games.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

This season the girls' basketball team, under the coaching of Miss Amazeen, has had a very successful start. They have already beaten Punchard, Methuen, and Woodbury once by decisive scores, and they have high hopes of becoming suburban champs again this year.

The starting line-up has regularly been as follows: M. Donlan, rf.; M. Costello, lf.; A. Lambert, jc.; C. Etchells, sc.; C. Broderick, lg.; V. Boyle, rg.

The scores of the games to date are:

Haverhill	15	Johnson	10
Westford	5	"	56
Punchard	7	"	50
Methuen	19	"	28
Woodbury	8	"	24
Haverhill	14	"	16

BOYS' BASKETBALL

Twenty basketball candidates reported to Coach Hayes at the close of the football season.

After a few practice sessions Coach Hayes picked his regular team which is comprised of Capt. Buchan, Lambert, Wallwork, Squire, Knowles, Neil, and Willette. Encouraged by the fact that five of these boys are veterans of last year's team, we can look forward to a banner season.

Our team is entered in two leagues this year, the Lowell Suburban League and the Little Three League. The Lowell Suburban League is comprised of teams representing North Andover, Westford, Littleton, Chelmsford, Howe, and Wilmington. The Little Three League is made up of teams representing North Andover, Salem, N. H., and Methuen.

Let us hope that our team will make a good name for itself in both leagues.

We are now about half through our season. Our team has played twelve games. Of these we have won eight and lost four. The individual and team records to date follow:

INDIVIDUAL POINT SCORERS

Players	Floor	Foul	Points
Lambert	65	23	153
Willette	46	8	102
Wallwork	19	19	57
Knowles	10	4	24
Squire	6	1	13
Buchan	3	4	10

TEAM RECORD

Johnson	25	Haverhill Continuation	30
"	19	Alumni	14
"	36	Wilmington	14
"	19	Westford	24
"	50	Littleton	21
"	35	Howe	13
"	28	Pinkerton	13
"	19	West Newbury	45
"	19	Chelmsford	9
"	24	Woodbury	18
"	40	Littleton	23
"	29	Pinkerton	31
<hr/> Total 357		Opponents	<hr/> 273

EXCHANGE

The Booster,
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